

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract originally appearing on page 14 of the application as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A catheter assembly (10) including at least one introducer (12) defining ~~passage (18)~~ a passage receiving an elongate tubular member (20) having, having a proximal end, distal ~~a distal end and end, and a lumen extending between~~ an elongate shape-imparting, between an elongate shape-imparting element (32) received in, in the lumen and imparting, imparting a predetermined shape (26) to, to the distal end of the elongate tubular member (20) when, member, when the distal end of the elongate tubular member is extended beyond distal end of introducer (12) a distal end of the at least one introducer. Distal end of shape imparting element (32) A distal end of the one-piece shape-imparting element extends from the lumen of the elongate tubular member (20) and is anchored proximally of, proximal the distal end of the at least one introducer (12).